

Plagiarism Policy

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Self-plagiarism refers to the practice of an author using portions of their previous writings on the same topic in another of their publications, without specifically citing it formally in quotes. This practice is widespread and sometimes unintentional, as there are only so many ways to say the same thing on many occasions, particularly when writing the methods section of an article. Although this usually violates the copyright that has been assigned to the publisher, there is no consensus as to whether this is a form of scientific misconduct, or how many of one's own words one can sue before it is truly "plagiarism." Probably for this reason self-plagiarism is not regarded in the same light as plagiarism of ideas and words of other individuals. If journals have developed a policy on this matter, it should be clearly stated for authors."

Direct plagiarism is the plagiarism of the text. Mosaic plagiarism is the borrowing of ideas and opinions from an original source and a few verbatim words or phrases without crediting the author.

Authors can adhere to the following steps to report plagiarism:

Inform the editor of the journal where a plagiarized article is published.

Send original and plagiarized articles with plagiarized part highlighted.

If evidence of plagiarism is convincing, editor should arrange for a disciplinary meeting.

Editor of the journal where the plagiarized article should communicate with the editor of the journal containing the original article to rectify the matter.

The plagiarist should be asked to provide an explanation.

In case of non response in the stipulated time or an unsatisfactory explanation, the article should be permanently retracted.

Author should be blacklisted and debarred for submitted an article to a particular journal for at least 6 months.

The concerned head of the institution has to be notified.